

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR MICHAEL H. WINSTEAD



CSM, California Army National Guard

CSM Michael Winstead enlisted in the US Army 16 June 1976 and served four years as an Airborne Infantryman. Upon completion of his active duty service in 1980 he enlisted in Company A 159th Infantry of the California Army National Guard in San Jose California. In 1986 CSM Winstead became an Active Duty Guardsmen with the AGR program. He has served in numerous challenging positions including State Retention NCO, Battalion Command Sergeant Major 184th Infantry Battalion, Operations Sergeant Major Engineer Brigade 40th Infantry Division, and Operations Sergeant Major 3rd Brigade 40th Infantry Division. In November of 2004 CSM

Winstead mobilized and deployed to Iraq with the 116th BCT and served as the BDE S-5 Sergeant Major. In June of 2007 CSM Winstead once again mobilized and deployed to Iraq with the 1st BN 143rd FA and served as the Battalion CSM. Upon returning from Iraq CSM Winstead was appointed as Command Sergeant Major for the California Army National Guard. CSM Winstead has a Bachelor Of Science Degree in Business Administration and a Masters Degree in Human Resources. CSM Winstead is a graduate of the United States Army Sergeants Major Academy. He also holds qualifications and completed the following schools, Airborne, Ranger, and Pathfinder. His Awards include The Combat Action Badge, Expert Infantry Badge, Bronze Star Medal (with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster), Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (with 5 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters) Army Achievement Medal (with 4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters), Iraqi Campaign Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Medal. CSM Winstead has been married to his wife Maria for 24 years and has four sons Michael, Tony, James, and Gabriel.